

1. (Currently amended) A link management system for creating links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said system comprising:

means for storing said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct said link management system in

the creation of said links;

means for examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

means for linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

information,

wherein

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information

content of a unit of source information;

the system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information;  
means for examining said list of identifiers to identify said source  
information content assigned to a unit of target information;  
and  
means for inserting said source information content into a unit of  
target information based on the identifier of said unit of  
target information identifying said source information  
content.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) The link management system of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information.
4. (Original) The link management system of claim 1 wherein:  
said units of information are units of target information;  
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information  
content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information;  
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said means for linking is adapted to link a unit of target information to at least one other unit of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said at least one other unit of target information; and

said system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information; and  
means for inserting at least one source information content into a  
unit of target information based on an identifier of said  
second subset identifying said at least one source  
information content.

5. (Original) The link management system of claim 4 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units of target information.

6. (Original) The link management system of claim 5 wherein the means for linking is adapted to inserting URL links.

7. (Original) The link management system of claims 3 or 5 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

8. (Currently amended) A method performed on a computer system operationally coupled to computer readable memory for storing a list of identifiers, and said method for creating and managing links amongst units of information based on said list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said method comprising the steps of:

storing said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of

said links;  
examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers  
within said list of identifiers;  
linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative  
hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and  
another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of  
information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;  
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information  
content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information;  
said list of identifiers further comprises:  
a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target  
information to be generated by said system, said first subset  
hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said  
units of target information;  
a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source  
information content to be inserted into said units of target  
information being identified by said first subset of  
identifiers;  
said step of linking is adapted to link a unit of target information to at least one other unit  
of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers

including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target

information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said

at least one other unit of target information; and

said method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information; and

inserting at least one source information content into a unit of

target information based on an identifier of said second

subset identifying said at least one source information

content.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information

content of a unit of source information;

the method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information;  
examining said list of identifiers to identify said source  
information content assigned to a unit of target information;  
and  
inserting said source information content into a unit of target  
information based on the identifier of said unit of target  
information identifying said source information content.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 11~~ claim 8 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units of target information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of linking is adapted to inserting URL links.

14. (Original) The method of claims 10 or 12 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~for use~~ in a computer system operatively coupled to a computer readable memory, the computer program product including a computer-readable data storage medium tangibly embodying computer readable program code executable on a computer to~~r~~ direct~~ing~~ said computer to create and manage links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said computer program product comprising:

code for instructing said computer system to store said list of identifiers, wherein said list

of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of said links;

code for instructing said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

code for instructing said computer system to link a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information

content of a unit of source information;

said computer program product further comprises:

code for instructing said computer system to generate said units of target information;

code for instructing said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to identify  
said source information content assigned to a unit of target information; and  
code for instructing said computer system to insert said source information content into a  
unit of target information based on the identifier of said unit of target information  
identifying said source information content.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 16 claim 15~~ wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to at least one unit of target information.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:  
said units of information are units of target information;  
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is adapted to identify source information  
content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information;  
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information being identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said code for instructing said computer system to link is adapted to link a unit of target information to at least one other unit of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said at least one other unit of target information; and

said computer program product further comprises:

code for instructing said computer system to generate said units of target information; and

code for instructing said computer system to insert at least one source information content into a unit of target information based on an identifier of said second subset identifying said at least one source information content.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units of target information.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said code for instructing said computer system to link is adapted to inserting URL links.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claims 17 or 19 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.